

THE BY-LAWS OF  
THE RECTOR, WARDENS AND VESTRY OF  
CALVARY EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF AMERICUS, GEORGIA, INC.

**Article One:** The Annual Parish Meeting shall be held on the fourth Sunday in January of each year, immediately following the principal service of the day. All confirmed adults enrolled in the parish who are in good standing and who have reached the age of sixteen (16) years of age or older, shall be eligible to vote at all meetings of the Parish. The status “Communicant in Good Standing” shall be determined by Diocesan Canon II.1

**Article Two:** The affairs of the corporation shall be controlled and administered by the Rector and Vestry of Calvary Episcopal Church. The Vestry shall consist of nine members, with three members elected each year at the Annual Parish Meeting. Each Vestry member shall serve for three years and not be eligible for re-election for a period of one year. A nominee for Vestry shall be a communicant in good standing of Calvary Episcopal Church, aged 18 years of age or older. A communicant in good standing is one who attends regularly, is a confirmed member and is a giver of record. The Junior and Senior Wardens are also elected at the Annual Parish Meeting; the selection of Wardens may be delegated to the Vestry by consent of the majority of those voting at the Annual or Special Congregation meeting. The Vestry shall elect, but not necessarily from its membership, a Secretary and Treasurer. Every person chosen Warden or Vestry member shall before acting as such, subscribe to the following declaration and promise:

*“I do believe that the Holy Scriptures contain all Doctrine required as necessary for eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ, and I do yield my hearty assent and approbation to the doctrine, worship, and discipline of the Episcopal Church; and I promise that I will faithfully execute the office of Vestry member (or Warden) of Calvary Episcopal Church in Sumter, County, Georgia, according to my best knowledge and skill.”*

**Article Three:** The Rector shall appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of the retiring (usually three) Vestry members and an equal number of non-Vestry members. The Committee shall seek names of eligible members representing a variety of skills, talents and experiences. The names of those chosen as nominees will be presented to the Annual Parish Meeting in January. Nominations may also be made from the floor, with the condition that the prospective nominee agrees to be nominated. Election shall be determined by the three nominees receiving the top votes.

**Article Four:** The Vestry, by majority vote and with the approval of the Rector, may remove any member or officer of the Vestry who has been absent from three successive meetings without cause.

**Article Five:** Any by-law in contravention of the Constitution and Canons of The Episcopal Church or the Episcopal Diocese of Georgia shall be null and void.

**Article Six:** By-laws may be suspended, revoked or enacted by a majority vote of the Vestry. Such alterations shall remain in force until the next Annual Parish Meeting, at which time they shall be voted on by the Parish. Any communicant in good standing 18 years or older may make recommendations for changes in the By-Laws, and the By-Laws may be altered by a majority vote of the members of the Parish.